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E	was interviewed via telephone. was advised identity of the interviewing Special Agent and that the the interview was to assist the Federal Bureau of Invest answering the Equivocal Death and General Assessment Queregarding DON WILEY. WILEY was a Harva University professor who fell to his death from the Hern Bridge into the Mississippi River in Memphis, Tennessee November 16, 2001. then provided the following in the spoke with WILEY monthly from a she was a Junior in college, when their contact became as	d of the purpose of tigation by estions ard nando DeSoto (TN) on nformation:
	frequent. Over the last ten years, spoke to WILE couple of months via telephone, although they e-mailed	Y every
	couple of months via telephone, although they e-mailed	each other
	more frequently.	
	last saw WILEY in June 2001, traveled to for a conference. did not notice any emotional of changes during their last visit. She did he had improved his eating and running regimen.	o Seattle r behavioral notice that
	funny, patient, great with children, and fun to be arous viewed WILEY as attentive, humble, talkative and impress who always rose to the occasion.	nd. Others
[was not aware of any stress or problems was experiencing, although did not think WILEY word discussed them with her if he did. If WILEY had problem have confided in his best friend, who live has never heard make s statements. In fact, he talked about a lot of future t in the last e-mail that he sent her.	uld have ms, he would s in uicidal
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suicide and mainta suicide. The acc Examiner seems abs believeco random act of vio	idental death theory pro surd, but that is the th ould not imagine anythin	eory that wants to g but an accident or f violence seems unlikely,
but she thought it suffered fi	id not know who else inv t was important for inve rom a seizure disorder. izure disorder because	estigators should talk to, stigators to know that did not remember
in New Jersey. he was growing up teller and his far and one half years religious family. influenced contact with his youngest brother, sister WILE to close p	did not know how of WILEY's mother worked ther worked as a chemist ago of natural causes. did not know if more than any other parents after his divorc LEY maintained more freq than he did with Y's close relationship w roximity to his parents any information about t	part time as a bank . WILEY's mother died one The WILEYs were not a one family member . WILEY maintained more ee from tuent contact with his his brother or his with may have been due home in Memphis.
WILEY's clothing always wear fashion over the years and remained consiste wearing a beard a WILEY cut his hai	and grooming habits were onable glasses and cloth	ting. WILEY lost some hair than his age. His looks ld, recalls WILEY wo or three years ago cruffy beard. could
App traveled to Japan trip. However, W	ILEY declined a gin and ting his running regimen	years ago, WILEY drinking alcohol on the tonic in June 2001 when he

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	tal health was good; he was very alert and WILEY had a recent foot injury.
was wor	ried that WILEY would have
	Specifically, was concerned
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respectfully. WILEY's biking, skiing, readir WILEY belonged to any	of colleagues, superiors and subordinates interests and hobbies included fitness, and building modelsdid not know if groups or organizations; but if he did,
structured belief syst	
	ving fast and had been stopped for speeding.
	financially. He had some stock that he had creased in value, and then dropped in value.
WILEY would always of:	
WILEY's firs	st marriage to ended in divorce because
WILEY has to	wo children from his marriage to serious sage will and sage and
the quality of their was really good, and	was always busy during and relationship varied. When it was good, it when it was bad, it was really bad. WILEY had tions from his children from his first
marriage, he had a ne	e he adopted the children during his second w appreciation for children and accepted them ILEY frequently talked about his children.
angry. Nothing ever include the fact that	ily made him happy, and never saw WILEY shook WILEY's confidence. WILEY's strengths he was intelligent, responsible, caring, harismatic WILEY's weakness was the fact

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and his N are cause people ma an	as self critical obel prize nomir d by his childre king disrespectf d possibly to WILEY.	ations. Signa n and negative ul or negative	ificant pos e mood char e comments.	sitive mood nges are ca	l chand lused k lrned t	бу
by seeing	WILEY responds he tried to reme close friends a never should ha	mber them in hand family in h	nappier sta	ates. He w	as ups	set
	could not loyment, evidence acts that were u		ity, or whe	ether he en		in

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was to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation by answering the
Equivocal Death and General Assessment Questions regarding
DON WILEY. WILEY was a Harvard University
professor who fell to his death from the Hernando DeSoto Bridge
into the Mississippi River in Memphis, Tennessee (TN) on November
16, 2001. then provided the following information:
met WILEY in 1959 when they were both students.
WILEY
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WILEY's alcohol consumption was also problematic in
within a dicondi consumption was also problematic in
and WILEY maintained a
cordial relationship
spoke with WILEY eight to ten times per
yearlast saw WILEY in May or June 2001, and she <u>last</u>
spoke with him via telephone in October or November 2001./
did not observe any noticeable changes in WILEY's emotions or
behaviors during the months preceding his death. /
described WITEV or forward considertions and
described WILEY as focused, conscientious and
determined. He was a mentally centered scientist. Others also held WILEY in high regard. was not aware of any problems or
held WILEY in high regard. was not aware of any problems or stress that WILEY was facing, however, she noted that WILEY
suffered from seizures and that his mother, who was a big part of
his life, died one year ago. WILEY handled his problems by
focusing on them and dealing with them. He would always confront
problems and go to the next level and deal with it pragmatically.
However, WILEY would not confront problems if emotions were
involved. assumed that WILEY would have confided in his
and noted that he was not the type of person who
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of drinks at the befor the last round thought. WILEY want notice if any talked about his felans to visit Grathe ordinary. WII	e believed that the group had ordered ar and that WILEY ordered something d. WILEY was in control and kept hims wearing a suit coat and tie althoubuttons were missing from WILEY's stamily coming to Memphis for the week aceland. WILEY did not say or do and LEY was not approached by anyone elsoy Bar, nor did he mention having an evening.	non-alcoholic s train of ough did hirt. WILEY kend and their ything out of e in the	<u>.</u>
surprised to hear because they assum that he was stayir	tre group left at the same time. The WILEY say that he was going to get med he was staying at the hotel. WIng at his father's house in Arkansas WILEY implied that he would see ev	his car LEY explained . Prior to	
have led him to be could not sp could not sp 4:00AM when his cadid not know WILEY behavior a uncharacteristic of	back, did not see any indicate elieve that WILEY was planning to conceculate on where WILEY was between ar was found on the Hernando-DeSoto well enough on a personal level to at the banquet or at the Peabody Loud of him. suggested investigator additional information.	ommit suicide. midnight and Bridge. o determine if	

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Degree in Chemistry and worked as a s labs. The WILEY family did not pract parents had an influence on WILEY's l he got WILEY interested in science. genius and she adored him. WILEY car although he did not have frequent con WILEY's siblings put him "on a pedest refused to deal with his seizures bec such high regard.	ice any religion. Both ife. Mr. WILEY was aloof, but Mrs. WILEY thought WILEY was a ed about all of his siblings tact with them. All of al." As a result, WILEY
described WILEY as tappealing, with a charismatic persona and he was always interested in meetifastidious about his clothing and grothe color black for the last ten year the lab used to laugh about it. His clean cut.	ng new people. WILEY was oming style. He dressed in s of his life, and people at
and it was not a problem for him duri usually drank in moderation, WILEY so did not consider WILEY an alcobinge drinker. WILEY did not drink edrank a lot. Alcohol had continued to	never an issue during WILEY's inking when he was in college ong that time. Although he metimes drank to excess. Sholic. She considered him a everyday, but when he drank, he to be a part of his life even at WILEY's memorial service
spent a lot of late evenings at the l	WILEY's sleep patterns over WILEY ab and he often worked
him to a psychiatrist for the seizure the 1950's, and WILEY refused to go b seizures, which often came at night a of alcohol. WILEY would scream and a seizu <u>re. WILEY was never hospit</u> alize	back. He never dealt with the

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WILEY got along well with colleagues, superio subordinates. He was very generous, kind, and he treat as an equal. He had no patience for stupidity.	
WILEY initially planned on going to medical s he changed his mind after working as an aid in a hospit He worked small jobs in the Summer when he was a studen of his adult career has been spent at Harvard Universit was never in the military.	al in NJ. it, but all
WILEY's hobbies and in included science, traveling, exploring and camping. WI belonged to any groups or organizations. was no WILEY embracing a structured belief system that influen behavior. If he did, she believed it would be scientif	LEY never ot aware of aced his
WILEY had friends wherever he went. Most of similar to WILEY himself. WILEY did not own a car, alt good driving habits. Financially, WILEY was in good sh had plenty of money and stocks.	hough he had
were not very good. The relationships improved a lot matured. WILEY and WILEY talked about his children from both marriages.	.o

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Interesting conversations and new and different things made WILEY happy. Bigots and close minded people made WILEY angry, although WILEY displayed his anger passively. WILEY's strengths included his curiosity, focus, determination and compassion. WILEY's weakness was the fact that he was emotionally closed. Scientific research, family, honesty and integrity are truly important to WILEY. WILEY reacts to the loss of loved ones compassionately and stoically.

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WILEY was not prejudiced, but rather, very open. Nothing seemed to shake his self confidence. was not aware of any days or anniversaries that were significant to WILEY. WILEY did not have a negative attitude towards law enforcement or other authority figures. WILEY's moods were very consistent.

WILEY was not a good target for terrorists, because he just did basic research. Also, there was no political situation to motivate him.

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a reside	nt of	,	
Memphis, TN for the last professional and his intervence was limited to the attended a meeting with the described WILEY as for fine mood.	relation with WILE raction with WILE rattendance TLEY the morning	of November al, attentive	ILEY was ast twelve 15, 2001 and and in a
talked to WILEY on a persecutionship. was with because coincidence that relationship with	g with approximatince, although tail hour and Dinner ended at abody Hotel Lobby ne large living room and his end of the sofa world level for the more interested a knew him on a peaked to WILEY beat	did not of did not ke 10:00PM and se Lounge, which with and se first time and comfortable ersonal level cause of WILE	r people. bserve him now who WILEY ome of the h was located and and WILEY, and in their le in talking . It was a
	one to one and a cinking casually a		talking in could
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	e suicidal statements, there
had too much to drink, had an accident vehicle to observe the damage, and felthought this was unlikely. Or, WILEY seizure while he was on the bridge, exdisorientated and fell over. We because she felt that it was either always could have prevented it. Instead those issues in his life. It was uncharrink and drive, and he was a safe drivented and the was a safe drivented it.	l over. However, consumed alcohol, had a ited the vehicle, became as angry about WILEY's death cohol or seizure related and d, he chose not to address aracteristic for WILEY to ver.
suggested investigato closest friend over the last twenty ye	
WILEY was born in Ohio and w Jersey (NJ) and New Providence, NJ pri The WILEY family moved to Delaware whe University. WILEY's parents finally s was considered the "star" of the famil four children, all of whom are very di comment on the frequency of WILEY fami and could not comment on any recent co	or to leaving for college. n WILEY attended Tufts ettled in Memphis, TN. WILEY y, and he was the oldest of fferent. could only ly contact twenty years ago,

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WILEY was close to his parents. The WILEY parents remained married until Mrs. WILEY died one year ago at age 84 from complications from a hernia operation. Mrs. WILEY worked part time jobs when the kids were growing up. Mr. WILEY had a Master's